# PHILOSOPHY, MA

*for the degree of Master of Arts in Philosophy*

The M.A. degree is awarded after completing Stage I. Students may not apply to the M.A. degree program. Students qualify for the M.A. degree by earning at least 32 hours of graduate credit with at least a 3.25 grade point average (A = 4.0), as specified below.

*For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Program Regulations ([http://www.philosophy.illinois.edu/grad/](http://www.philosophy.illinois.edu/grad/)) and the Graduate College Handbook ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/)).*

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<td>Hours in regularly scheduled courses (excluding PHIL 583 and PHIL 590)</td>
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<td>PHIL 590</td>
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## Other Requirements

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<td>Minimum Number of 500-level Hours Required Overall (excluding 583 and 590):</td>
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